TRIBUTE TO BONNIE WELLS

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integrity, and good deeds of two of my constituents in Colorado.

Early last month, Mr. Zach Foster, a student at Colorado State University, along with roommate Paul Plemons, found a bag at a store parking lot. Looking in the bag, the two discovered over \$500 in cash. Doing what many would not have done, they turned the money over to a store manager, who then returned it to its rightful owner, Sam Ciocotta of Espresso di Cioncotta. They left no name, no address, and no phone number. Determined to find them, Cioncotta ran an ad in the local paper, and in this way he was able to locate and thank the two young men. So moved was Mr. Cioncotta that he offered a reward to the individuals who turned in the money.

Messrs. Foster and Plemons were looking for neither recognition nor notoriety. While the two were ultimately rewarded for their honesty, they neither expected nor sought any remuneration for their act. They turned in the money for one reason, and one reason alone—it was the right thing to do. As Plemons said, "This isn't something that should be rewarded." Indeed, honesty does not have a price tag, but these two young men are worthy of much praise. They truly are a credit both to my constituency and to the entire country.

Mr. Speaker, we are bombarded on a daily basis with stories that tell of the lowest common denominator of human behavior. It is so very rewarding to hear of actions which illustrate the strong ethics and morals that many of us still hold dearly. We must do more to emphasize what is right with America especially at a time when we are surrounded by reports of what is wrong. Mr. Speaker, Zach Foster and Paul Plemons are examples of what is right with America. Please join me in thanking them for having the honesty, commitment, and courage to do the right thing.

> AMERICA MUST STAND BY **TAIWAN**

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. Speaker, the relationship between the United States, The Republic of China on Taiwan, and the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) was a top issue during last October's summit meeting between President Clinton and Jaing Zemin. Taiwan will be an even bigger topic of discussion at the next summit meeting later this year.

I have spent a lot of my time in Congress focusing on America's role in Asia. I believe that one of the most vital elements to promoting America's regional interests, the spread of freedom and prosperity in Asia, hinges on how well we lead on the cross-Strait issue.

In 1996, the PRC had ventured into a reckless policy of launching missiles towards the territory of Taiwan in an effort to undermine its plans for democratic Presidential elections. At the urging of Congress, the United States finally deployed two aircraft carriers with assorted escort ships into the Taiwan Strait. That show of commitment and friendship to Taiwan diffused the crisis. I am proud to have played a part during that crisis urging that Taiwan be defended.

The missile launchings, or so-called military exercises, were terror tactics designed by the PRC's politburo to frighten and intimidate the Taiwanese people. In those days before the first-ever election a Chinese president, the people on Taiwan braved the intimidation and added another achievement to their long and proud history. Bouyed by America's solidarity, the people of Taiwan flocked to the polls and elected Lee Teng-hui as their president.

I was honored to attend President Lee's inauguration and I look forward to seeing him again during my upcoming visit to Taiwan.

The U.S. military intervention of 1996 and your remarks, Mr. Speaker, that were made on the occasion of your visit to Taiwan last year, when you said that Taiwan should be defended if attacked, should be the basis of a new consensus concerning our strategic policy regarding the status of Taiwan. Deterrence works. We need to discourage the PRC from using force against Taiwan. The best way to encourage the right to happen in the relationship between Taiwan and the PRC is to ensure that reason rather than brute force play the dominant role in determining the future. Part of deterring PRC aggression should be to allow our friends on Taiwan to have access to the adequate defensive weapons.

Mr. Speaker, a prominent Asian scholar who I look forward to meeting someday, Dr. Arthur Waldron has written an essay, "Back to Basics: The U.S. Perspective on Taiwan-PRC Relations," which further illuminates some of the points I've made here. I recommend it to my colleagues.

RECOGNIZING SIX MILLION HOURS OF SAFETY

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and congratulate United Defense's Ground Systems Division of Aiken, South Carolina for an unprecedented safety achievement.

On January 30, 1998, GSD-Aiken employees successfully completed six million hours without a lost-time accident. This remarkable feat is directly attributed to the employees of GSD-Aiken. To accomplish something of this magnitude, every single employee had to work to ensure the safety of others. It was through their hard work and commitment to each other, GSD-Aiken was able to achieve this rare milestone.

An exemplary record in safety is nothing new for GSD-Aiken. Since 1994, GSD-Aiken has been certified by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation as a Palmetto Star facility under the Department's Voluntary Protection Program. Through this program, GSD-Aiken was notified of areas in need of improvement as well as confirming their accomplishments.

GSD-Aiken has set a standard in safety that all others should seek to emulate. Therefore, I take great pride in recognizing GSD-Aiken for this remarkable achievement.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Wells, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of

Bonnie Wells has devoted her entire professional and personal life to helping those in need. The trauma of being abandoned at birth by her mother and spending the five years of her life in an orphanage has given her a unique sense of the needs of others in difficult situations. Ms. Wells established the North San Mateo County Leadership Forum which provides community leaders with background on the operations of their community. She has served as a member of the Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, including two years as its President, and has received several awards for her service to city and county government, United Way of the Bay Area, Seton Medical Center and other community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, Bonnie Wells is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of

TRIBUTE TO LARRY DOBY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the newest member of baseball's Hall of Fame, a fellow South Carolinian, and most importantly, a true pioneer. I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Doby.

As of Tuesday, Doby became the first native South Carolinian to be inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame. While his athletic accomplishments alone are an incredible honor. Doby should be honored as a pioneer in one of America's favorite professional sports and an ambassador of the baseball community.

Doby grew up in Camden, South Carolina, my father's hometown, where he learned to play stickball in the streets and eventually organized baseball on local diamonds. He attended Jackson School, the public school for black children, and later Mather Academy, my high school alma mater. Doby lived in South Carolina until his mid-teens when he went to New Jersey with his mother. There, he attended the integrated Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey, the city in which I was married.

From 1942 to 1943 and 1946 to 1947, Doby played for the Newark Eagles of the Negro League. When he signed a contract in 1947 to play with the Cleveland Indians, he became the American League's first black player. He also twice led the American League in home runs, beating out the famed Mickey Mantle. Doby played with the Indians from 1947 until 1955 when he went to the White Sox for the